

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2025 Legislative Session

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Committee: Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy & Environment

Date: 10/9/2025

Action: FAV(A)

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable as Amended, 5-0 (In Favor: Council Members Olson, Harrison, Blegay, Dernoga, and Fisher)

The Committee convened on October 9, 2025, to discuss CB-80-2025, which amends Subtitle 14 (Morals and Conduct), Division 14 (Nuisances), by adding a new prohibition on activities by promoters for the operation of a public or neighborhood nuisance; increasing the amounts for certain criminal and civil penalties; providing a certain notice by the Nuisance Abatement Board and, for the timing of a certain written decision detailing the Board's final order or action. Specifically, CB-80:

- adds the term “Promoter” - an individual or entity who organizes, publicizes, and facilitates events, gatherings, parties, or similar activities at a premises, including by providing essential event information such as date, time, location, and theme, even if that individual or entity is otherwise unconnected to the premises and regardless of whether they have an interest in the premises.
- Requires posting of the hearing notice on the premises in addition to US mail
- Removes personal service requirements
- Replaces the Board’s ability to create a tax lien with “attachment of outstanding fines to the real property's tax bill.”
- Allows the Board 30 days after the conclusion of the hearing to issue a final order (15 days under the current law)
- Increases criminal fines from \$1,000 to \$5,000
- Increases civil fines from \$1,000 to \$2,500 for 1st violation and \$5,000 for subsequent violations.

Council Member Dernoga proposed an amendment to allow a Council Member to initiate a nuisance complaint. The committee directed staff to draft the amendment, and language has been added, allowing a Council Member to “submit a JAG Review and Investigation Referral Form to the Department of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement for consideration by JAG to investigate a nuisance complaint. The Department of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement shall provide a substantive written response to the County Council members’ request within thirty (30) days of receipt.”

After discussion, the Committee voted favorably on CB-80-2025 as amended by a vote of 5-0.